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RELIEF COSTS SHOW INCREASE LAST 6 MONTHS

Allen-co Expenses Double To Date as Compared With 1946

Allen-co relief costs during the first six months of 1947 were more than double total expenses for the first half of 1946, Mrs. Gladys Shade, relief area director, revealed Thursday.

Heavier medical expenses reflected by a greater demand for medical assistance plus a slight increase in desertion cases were cited by Mrs. Shade for the increase.

The mounting relief cost cannot be ascribed to unemployment, Mrs. Shade pointed out, since only unemployable persons receive aid under the program. This policy has been in effect since May of 1941.

Total cost of relief during the first half of this year was \$8,598.47, in sharp contrast with the \$4,303.58 expended under the assistance program during the first six months of 1946.

Expenses of \$1,548.91 during June this year were up approximately \$80 over the figure for the previous month.

Forty-six cases, one more than in May, were listed in the June tabulation.

Mrs. Shade said that the June case load represented 26 family cases and 20 single cases for a total of 102 persons.

Five new relief applications were opened during the month and four cases were closed. During June the Allen-co agency handled 21 service cases, including residence verifications, out-of-town inquiries, applications for admission to the district tuberculosis hospital, X-rays and out-patient treatments.

Man Faces Jury In Assault Case

Owen Junior Smith, 19, of 106 Euclid-av, arraigned Thursday morning in Lima municipal court on a charge of assault on a child, pleaded not guilty to the accusation, waived preliminary hearing and was bound to the Allen-co grand jury under \$1,000 bond.

The affidavit sets forth that Smith unlawfully assaulted a female child under the age of 14 years, that he took indecent and improper liberties with her with-out committing or intending to commit rape.

Smith was arrested July 5 after he allegedly molested a 3-year-old girl.

Robert F. Bender, 19, Wapakoneta, was fined court costs when he pleaded guilty of disorderly conduct by fighting.

WHENCE HIS IDEA Mohandas Gandhi derived the idea of non-violent resistance from reading Henry Thoreau's "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience," written when the latter was jailed for non-payment of taxes on his cabin at Walden Pond.



"SAUCER" CANDIDATE—First tangible evidence in the Lima vicinity of a gadget which can be ranked in the "flying saucer" category, is this balloon and attached disc, held by Betty Facenda, 10, who spotted it Wednesday in the air near her home a mile south of the Westinghouse Elec. Corp. plant on U. S. Route 25. Betty's uncle, Julian Facenda, 35, chased the object after a cautious start, captured it in a field across the road from the residence. The disc attached to the balloon is crudely cut from cardboard, and is covered with aluminum paint. There is no identification on it, but it closely resembles weather balloons used by the government.

Lima's 'Disc' Turns Out To Be a 'Gag'

The large black-balloon with silver disc attached which landed in a field at the Lima tank farm Wednesday was sent into the air as a "gag" by a small group of workers at a local factory, it was revealed Thursday morning by Allen-co Sheriff William R. Dailey.

The workers had obtained a large balloon of the type used by weather stations. They painted a cardboard disc and attached it to the inflated balloon. Then they set the gadget loose in the hopes local residents would think it was one of the now-famous "flying saucers," the sheriff learned as he continued his investigation of the pranksters' act.

The balloon soon fell to earth, however, and was picked up by Julian Facenda who resides on U. S. Route 25 just south of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. State highway patrolmen said they thought it was a weather balloon.

Meanwhile, firemen at Central station were added to the growing list of "disc jockies" Wednesday when they reported having seen a flying disc pass over in a south-westerly direction about 3:30 p. m.

Assistant Fire Chief F. Weber described the "thing" as light in color, about two feet in diameter and shaped like a balloon.

Firemen said their "Aerial" truck was grounded by bad weather or they would have tried to capture the disc, dead or alive, and the \$3,000 reward.

It is understood that the air forces sold a large number of balloons at the close of the war to army surplus stores and that the public may be buying and selling them to add confusion to the disc stories.

EXECUTRIX NAMED

Naomi M. Hulse has been named in Allen-co probate court as executrix of the estate of Finna Steiner, late of Bluffton. The will was admitted to probate and record Thursday. Estimated value of the estate is \$25,000 of which \$24,000 is in real estate.

Woman Injured in Crash; 8 Cars in Other Mishaps

Mrs. Josephine Martina, 23, of 640 N. McDonel-st, received leg bruises and a possible chest injury Wednesday afternoon in an automobile accident on Route 65, a half-mile north of Lima.

Highway patrolmen said a car driven by the woman's husband, Joseph Martina, 26, sideswiped another vehicle driven by Clarence Sprague, 69, of 945 Reese-av, as the latter pulled onto the highway.

The Martina car then struck a utility pole.

Mrs. Martina was treated in the office of a Lima physician.

Condition of James Stout, 5, Harrod-Route 1, was reported good in Memorial hospital Thursday morning. The child suffered a scalp wound in an accident south of Westminster on the Ditzler-rd.

Slippery streets were blamed for two accidents involving eight cars in Lima Wednesday afternoon, but no one was injured, police said.

The first of the four-car collisions occurred at 4:40 p. m. in the 100 block on N. Union-st. Drivers of the vehicles were R. H. Allen, 116 S. Metcalf-st; Robert C. Layton, 528 S. Main-st; Robert W. Rutledge; 203 W. Grand-av; and Olive Shindlerdecker, Lima Route 4. All were attempting to stop for a traffic light, police said.

The second four-way mishap was at Findlay-rd and Boyer-av at 10:40 p. m. Wednesday. Drivers of the vehicles involved were: Gurnie O. Dobbie, 2269 Shawneer-rd; Edwin R. Fryer, Columbus Grove; James Schroeder, Ottawa Route 1, and James D. Williams, Muncie, Ind., who was operating a truck.

More scattered showers and cloudiness are forecast for Lima with a trend toward warmer temperatures to start Friday.

At noon Thursday the reading was 68 degrees. Low was 57 degrees at 2 a. m., and Wednesday's high mark was 67 degrees at 3 p. m.

From northeastern Ohio came reports that 1947 would mark a tremendous crop failure in that area. Corn, tomato and sugar beet yields are expected to be far below normal.

The rainfall Wednesday and Thursday morning was general throughout the state but Ohio meteorologists say that the mercury's upward trend will start Thursday afternoon and continue over the week-end.

MEAT PRICES INCREASE HERE

Choice Cuts Selling 25 Per Cent over June Costs

Meats are occupying the food spotlight here, selling at as much as 25 per cent above last month's level, a survey revealed Thursday.

One grocer reported that increase was general an all cuts, but indicated he believed a leveling off was in prospect.

Eggs at 55 cents a dozen were selling at a "seasonal price" he said, adding that meat prices had little effect on the egg market.

"Very little meat is going to market because the farmers are extra busy," said Robert Hepler, super-market owner.

"The farmers are selling only when they are offered an intensive," he explained.

Most grocers believe that economical shoppers can keep their bills low by ignoring expensive items. "But they all want high grade top price items," he reported.

DITCH TILING OK'D Allen-co commissioners Wednesday granted a petition for tiling the Benedum ditch in American-tp and ordered County Engineer Hobart M. Mumaugh to make the preliminary survey. The half-mile drainage ditch is located immediately west of the Lima corporation limits.

2 DEPOT EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE PRIZES

Suggestions To Save Army Post \$3,000 a Year

Albert Collins, 877 Hazel-av and Thomas Place, Continental, will receive awards for suggestions which will result in a yearly saving of over \$3,000 at the Lima Ordnance depot.

Collins will receive a cash award of \$50 for his suggestion and design on an improved hitch bracket for towing tanks, eliminating damage and repair to tow bars and a safety hazard.

Place will receive \$75 for his suggestion of an improved method for replacing rubber tracks on half-tracks. He also will serve as a member of the depot's suggestion and award committee, Col. G. W. Vaughn, commanding officer, said.

Limaites Attend Charter Meet

Nine Limaites attended the charter night meeting of the newly formed Bellefontaine Lions club Wednesday evening at the Ingalis hotel, Bellefontaine.

Heading the delegation were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fields, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Protengeler, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ward, Fred Wupper, William Belt and P. C. Farmer. Fields is president of the Lima club.

The Bellefontaine club was sponsored jointly by the clubs in Springfield and West Liberty. Paul Evislizer is president.

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